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IN VIEW AND BEYOND THE HORIZON

The "In View" or "On View" section with which we begin consists of works actually on our shelves, where they can now be examined by Friends and, we hope, adopted by donors. All worthy and appropriate in their way, they are calculated to appeal to various tastes.

The following five titles were recommended by Professor W. B. Hesseltine of the University of Wisconsin, M. D. Anderson Visiting Professor at Rice for the current year. We have been and are fortunate in the aid that holders of the Anderson Professorship have given to Fondren.

J.L.M. Curry, Civil History of the Government of the Confederate States. Richmond, 1901. $4.00

Thomas North, Five Years in Texas. Cincinnati, 1871. $17.50

Hugh McCullough, Addresses, Speeches, Lectures, and Letters. Washington, D.C., 1891. $5.00

Peter Mitchel Wilson, Southern Exposure. Chapel Hill, N.C., 1927. A presentation copy inscribed by Josephus Daniels. $2.50

Life of John Ancrum Winslow, Rear-Admiral, United States Navy. New York, 1902. $3.50

Other titles in the vast American field:

John Frost, Thrilling Adventures among the Indians. Boston and Chicago, 1856. $7.50 Includes "incidents in the recent Indian hostilities in Mexico and Texas."

Nicolas Bossu, Nouveaux voyages dans l'Amerique septentrionale. Amsterdam, 1777. $18.62

Jacques Barzun, God's Country and Mine. Atlantic Monthly Press, 1954. $5.00

Harvard Guide to American History. Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 1954. $10.00

Daniel O'Flaherty, General Jo Shelby: Undefeated Rebel. University of North Carolina, 1954. $4.15

Too diverse for a general heading:

Thapar Commemoration Volume. A collection of studies presented to Professor G. S. Thapar. Department of Zoology, University of Lucknow, India. Recommended by Professor Chandler. $6.50.

Arthur Goldschmidt, Goethe in Almanach. Leipzig, 1932. $2.60

Gustavus A. Eisen and Fahim Kouchakji, Glass: Its Origin, History, Chronology, Technic and Classification to the Sixteenth Century. New York, 1927. $60.00--This work is as impressive as its title.

Harold Downs, editor, Theatre and Stage. London, 1954. $19.60 An encyclopaedic work.

Aage Bentzen, Introduction to the Old Testament. Copenhagen,1952. $11.94 Recommended by Professor Nielson.

On the following, we should like to publish the bans for the second time:

G. A. Buerger, The Chase, and William and Helen, Translated by Walter Scott. Edinburgh, 1796. $17.25 Walter Scott's first published work, from the library of Dr. R. W. Chapman of Oxford. Dr. Chapman follows the excellent practice of preserving all significant correspondence about his books, and passes on such material when the book changes hands. Thus we acquire with this choice item two letters from the famous (indeed notorious) Thomas J. Wise, and one from a dealer, establishing the fact that the binding of this copy may be described as "contemporary boards." The only thing that would take us farther back than this would be "original wrappers." An extremely interesting acquisition at a very moderate price.

The following works are not here, but are desired and hoped for. The group of old titles with which this series begins have already been spotted in dealers' catalogues and ordered, because opportunity in these cases knocks if not just once at most at infrequent intervals.

Vanbrugh and Cibber, The Provok'd Husband. London, 1728. First edition. $4.20

James Bentham, History and Antiquities of the Conventual Cathedral Church of Ely. 1812-17. $16.80 Profusely illustrated.

William Beckford, Italy. 1834. $7.00 -- We are accumulating a nice little group of works by and about Beckford, a remarkable minor genius in whom people are getting interested.

Samuel Pordage, The Siege of Babylon. London, 1678. $8.82 One of the hard-to-get Restoration dramatists.

New and forthcoming books:

H. Planitz, Die deutsche Stadt im Mittelalter. Graz, 1954. $8.12

E. Armstrong, Robert Estienne, Royal Printer: An Historical Study of the Elder Stephanus. About $8.40. -- The scholarly printer of sixteenth century Paris.

J. Wicksteed, William Blake's Jerusalem: A Commentary About $7.50

D. Blum, A Pictorial History of the Silent Screen. $7.00 Based on a large collection of photographs, many of them unique.

D'Oyly Carte Album. About $1.50 Photographs of productions and principals covering all the operas now in the repertoire.

H. M. Colvin, A Biographical Dictionary of English Architects, 1660-1840. $9.00

And we should like also simply to quote a title, for a change, without proposing the purchase of the book. Let the title be its own excuse for being. It has a fine full tone, and is, all the Friends will agree, of an elevating tendency:

> An Essay on Generosity and Greatness of Spirit. The Builders of Colleges, Hospitals & Schools Prais'd and Commended. The Invaluable Blessing of a Sound, Useful & Pious Education; especially that of School Learning; with a Particular View to Archbishop Whitgift's Foundation in Croydon, Surrey. 1732.

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